

Community Services

Prosecution Alternatives For Youth

Seminole County

Mission

To work in partnership with the community to provide diversion services for juveniles charged with delinquency by promoting offender accountability and by offering these young people opportunities for competency development to prevent their further involvement in the juvenile justice system.

Business Strategy

Prosecution Alternatives for Youth (PAY) provides juvenile diversion for Seminole County, including Teen/Peer Court, Community Arbitration (CAP), and Juvenile Alternative Services Programs (JASP). Teen/Peer Court is conducted by teen volunteers; CAP and JASP clients are heard by volunteer arbitrators. Teen Court is designed for high school students and the Peer Court initiative is targeted for middle school students. Sanctions are assigned to prevent further delinquency. Diversion case management includes hearing cases and monitoring and ensuring completion of sanctions. Diversion provides cost-effective delinquency intervention, costing less than \$200 per case (compared with \$1,000 for the formal court system). In terms of quality of life, the value of early intervention is immeasurable.

Objectives

Provide each juvenile client an alternative which will reduce caseload in the formal juvenile court system, and reduce the number of juveniles placed on community control.

Assign sanctions to educate each juvenile client as to his/her responsibility to the law, thus providing effective delinquency intervention for juveniles.

Diagnose and service youths with chemical dependency and counseling needs, and provide resources to address these problems.

Encourage community involvement in juvenile justice by training and utilizing volunteer arbitrators/hearing officers and teen/peer court participants.

Improve the quality of life for juvenile clients, their families, and all residents of Seminole County by reducing juvenile crime.

Performance Measures	FY 99/00 Actual	FY 00/01 Estimated	FY 01/02 Goal	FY 02/03 Goal
Total number of clients in program	971	1,000	1,025	1,035
Success rate (clients completing program)	88%	88%	88%	88%
Recidivism rate (clients reentering program after one year)	10%	10%	10%	10%
Community service hours ordered	10,000	10,300	10,500	10,550
Community service hours completed	9,500	9,800	9,950	9,975

Department:		COMMUNITY SERVICES			Seminole County	
Division:		PROSECUTION ALTERNATIVES FOR YOUTH			FY 2001/02	
Section:					FY 2002/03	
	1999/00 Actual Expenditures	2000/01 Adopted Budget	2001/02 Adopted Budget	Percent Change 2001/02 Budget over 2000/01 Budget	2002/03 Approved Budget	Percent Change 2002/03 Budget over 2001/02 Budget
EXPENDITURES:						
Personal Services	291,505	321,156	355,346	10.6%	374,323	5.3%
Operating Services	62,892	70,444	77,225	9.6%	77,659	0.6%
Capital Outlay	0	2,909	16,800	477.5%	34,714	106.6%
Debt Service	0	0	0		0	
Grants and Aid	0	0	0		0	
Reserves/Transfers	0	0	0		0	
Subtotal Operating	354,397	394,509	449,371	13.9%	486,696	8.3%
Capital Improvements	0	0	0		0	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	354,397	394,509	449,371	13.9%	486,696	8.3%
FUNDING SOURCE(S)						
General Fund	354,397	394,509	449,371	13.9%	486,696	8.3%
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCE(S)	354,397	394,509	449,371	13.9%	486,696	8.3%
Full Time Positions	7	8	8		8	
Part-Time Positions	3	1	1		1	
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2001/02						
Capital Outlay: A vehicle to improve supervision of clients in the field						16,800
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2002/03						
Capital Outlay: Two vehicles to improve supervision of clients in the field						34,714
Capital Improvements	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	
Total Project Cost	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Operating Impact	0	0	0	0	0	